

These farms lay on the slope of th<sup>ee</sup>\* valley, aUunt lf<sup>oo</sup> yards apart. Both were capable of containing troops, and Hcm<sup>o</sup>-mont comprised an extent of gardens and t'lirlusurt'S capable of containing a force sufficient to make it an important po.st. No columns of the French could puss between them without being exposed to a flank fire, and this circumstaiuw gave tin\* principal advantage to the English position.<sup>1</sup>

The army under the command of the Duke of Wellington amounted to about 6T, (>01 men, of whom 2-UHIO were British.

Besides this, an Allied force of IH^KNI men, under Prince Frederick of Orange, was stationed in front of Hulte, about eight miles from the Held of butt Us and was not. engaged. The French force present at Waterloo, UK well as that of the Prussians, has already been stated.

The morning and part of the forenoon of the 18th wen\* passed by the French in a slate of supincness, for whieh it was difficult to account. The rain had certainly retarded their movements, more particularly that of bring! 1\*14 the artillery into position ; yet it was obse.rved that ilin hut I lieen aceum-plished at an early hour. In Grouchy\*?! |niblus;tili»n \ve find a reason which may have caused thin delay, uaui<\*ly, that Napoleon's ammunition had been HO much exhauMtctl in the prec-etal-ing contests that there was only a supply with lht\* army for an action of eight hourn, Bonaparte Htacx that it waw uw<sup>ee</sup> sary to wait until tht? ground was Huffkneittly dried it\* etinble the cavalry and artillery to matmnivro ;\* however, in nueh a soil, a few hours could make very little dif!Weu<\*t% piirticuhirly as a drizzling rain continual nil the morning ami imlwU itl'ter the action had commencedod. fhi\* lienvy full of rain on thi\* night of the 1,7th was no doul>t more <HHajivtuitatf<\*otirt ti» tin\* French than to the troops uncl(>r Lord Wellington ; the latter were in position, and luul few movcuiwntM t*ci* uiakts witlst tln« French columns, and particularly tht\* cavalry, won\* fuitigated and impeded by the state of tki git>und<sub>y</sub> whi*ci* with the train -

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*Battles*, p. 349, edit.

I883X<sup>2</sup> Montholon.